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Mr. Paul V. Kelly  
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

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I would appreciate your reviewing the information that has been presented and providing me with your comments. Please address your reply to my state office:

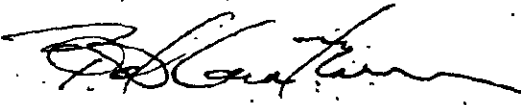
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Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



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Honorable Senator  
Bob. Graham  
Washington D.C.  
Fax # : (305) 536-72-93

Honorable Senator Graham,

I write to you to bring to your attention the grave situation that has befallen the Venezuelan nation. Once again, as an American of Venezuelan descent and a resident of Florida, I ask for your help. Yesterday at a peaceful demonstration members of Venezuela's opposition group and civil society gathered to protest the growing autocratic and corrupt nature of Hugo Chavez Frias's government. At this protest pro-government hoodlums, most likely members of the Bolivarian Circles, terrorized the protesters, who were exercising their democratic right to protest, by killing three persons and injured more than 20.

It has been frustrating to see over the past months the rising of instability that has slowly engulf Venezuela. However, more frustrating has been the silent indifference of the international community towards the events that transgressed in Venezuela, namely the destruction of over 40 years of democratic process, free speech, free press, personal security, the armed forces, and Venezuelan society. The unnecessary, gratuitous, and shameful use of violence that transgressed today should mark the decisive political death of Hugo Chavez and his degenerated regime. I urge you to please do whatever is in your power to push for the condemnation of yesterday's massacre, and Chavez's regime.

Sincerely,



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